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In re Patent Application of )  
LUCIANO SALDA ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: RECYCLING DEVICE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicant requests that the following amendments be entered.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace Claims 1-19 as follows.

A 1. (Amended from Amended Sheet) A return device for containers, such as bottles, cups, cans, or the like, comprising an insertion opening for receiving the container and at least one distributing means for transporting the container from said insertion opening to a selectable processing means of said return device, said distributing means comprising at least one intermediate bottom and a receiving means which is movable relative to said bottom and transports said container away from said insertion opening, wherein said receiving means comprises a bottom opening relative to which a sorting opening of said intermediate bottom can be positioned for passing said container therethrough to the selected processing means.

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